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Dear Senator Specter:

I have been asked to reply to your recent letter to the President requesting that a Presidential Directive be issued to inform all federal agencies and officials that it is public policy of the United States to do whatever may be necessary to obtain Raoul Wallenberg's freedom.

As you know, the President and the Department of State share with the Congress a strong determination to do whatever is necessary and appropriate to ascertain the fate of Raoul Wallenberg. We believe that your suggestion of a Presidential Directive has merit, and we have begun to examine the best way to proceed in this matter. In the meantime, please be assured that we have been taking, and will continue to take, all appropriate measures to carry out the intent of Congress as embodied in PL 97-54.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable
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United States Senate.

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